

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TRACY MCNEAL,

No. C-08-0138 MMC

Plaintiff,  
v.

**ORDER DIRECTING PARTIES TO  
INFORM COURT WHETHER THEY  
CONSENT TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
FOR ALL PURPOSES**

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,  
Defendant

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In cases initially assigned to a district judge, the parties may consent at any time to reassignment of the case to a magistrate judge for all purposes, including entry of final judgment. See Civil L.R. 73-1(b).

Accordingly, the parties are hereby DIRECTED to advise the Court, no later than March 3, 2008, as to whether they consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings in the instant action.<sup>1</sup> For the parties' convenience, a consent form is attached hereto; forms are also available at <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>, in the "Forms" section. The parties are further advised that they may request therein assignment to a specific magistrate judge.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: February 20, 2008

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MAXINE M. CHESNEY  
United States District Judge

<sup>1</sup>Normally, the Court would direct the parties to so inform the Court in their Joint Case Management Statement filed in connection with a case management conference. Because the instant action involves a review of an administrative record, however, a case management conference has not been scheduled.